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Attn: Tawanda Maignan
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Dear Ms. Maignan:

Please find enclosed the Section 18 Specific Exemption registration request from the Arkansas State Plant Board (ASPB) for the use of sulfoxaflor (Transform WG Insecticide) for control of the tarnished plant bug, *Lygus lineolaris* in cotton. This emergency exemption is eligible for recertification this year. All information submitted in the original request is still accurate, other than a slight increase in acreage for 2017, 420,000 acres. The use instructions are identical to last year's exemption.

The emergency condition described in the preceding year's application continues to exist. The tarnished plant bug, *Lygus lineolaris*, has become the major pest of cotton in Arkansas. In 2012, Arkansas pursued a Section 18 exemption for Transform WG. Transform WG Insecticide received a Section 3 registration, including the use on cotton the following year. With the removal of cotton from the Section 3 label, Arkansas cotton producers are in need of Transform to control the tarnished plant bug. This is the third year the ASPB has requested a specific exemption for this use.

A support letter from Dr. Gus Lorenz, Extension Entomologist with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is included explaining the emergency situation. The exemption expired on October 31, 2016. Enclosed is the final report for last year's exemption 16AR02.

Please contact me at (501)-225-1598 if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandi Reynolds".

Brandi Reynolds

Agri Program Manager
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Enclosure(s)